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: PBSUCCESS Field Stations

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: LINCOLN

: Operational Matters

: PBSUCCESS Grid Coordinate Map

1. Attachment A contains one plastic grid reader and one set of four sectional charts which cover the area involved in PBSUCCESS Operations. Copies of the map are being distributed to all field stations and key SYNCARP operational personnel.

2. This special map was prepared for PBSUCCESS to provide maximum security and accuracy in communicating geographical locations. You are requested to initiate immediately the practice of utilizing grid coordinate numbers in operational communications when referring to geographic locations.

3. A detailed description of the map and instructions for its use follow:

- (a) A rectangular grid system was superimposed on the best obtainable map of the area. This grid overlay, printed in red, is arbitrarily positioned to provide a keying system for geographical locations which is intelligible only to the individuals in possession of the map.
- (b) Furthermore, the use of a grid system permits the exact pinpointing of locations expressed in terms of grid coordinates.
- (c) Grid coordinates of a specific location are expressed by the two letters indicating the major square involved, followed by a six-digit figure. The first three digits represent the horizontal location in the major square, and the last three digits represent the vertical location.
- (d) For example, to locate EL JICARO (CF326264)

- Step 1 - locate major grid square marked CF.
- Step 2 - Read right from bottom left corner to grid line 3.
- Step 3 - Place reader with "0" on line 3 reading right on reader scale to 2. Estimate third digit in tenths (6).
- Step 4 - Read up from bottom left corner of major grid square to grid line 2.
- Step 5 - Place reader with "0" on line 2 with reader in grid square located by step two and three.

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Step 6 - Read up on reader scale to 6. Estimate third digit in tenths (4).

(e) In reading grid coordinates apply the rule, "read right/up".

(f) Other examples are:

San Salvador
Mazatenango
Puerto Barrios

(DH050665)
(AG767692)
(DE595312)

4. Certain areas of the map may be inaccurate. If this should affect major operational activity, please advise LINCOLN.

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Attachment A, as stated above (in one manila envelope).

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